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Cover: Col. Scott K. Stacy accepts the 125th Fighter Wing unit flag from Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus, Commander Florida Air National Guard, in a formal ceremony conducted in the base hangar here Nov. 7, 2004.

Back cover: Then Lt. Col. Charles V. Ickes II (now Brig. Gen.) accepts the unit flag from Brig. Gen. Wally Green during his assumption of command ceremony in March, 1996.

Commander's Column

By Col. Scott K. Stacy
125th Fighter Wing Commander

As I write this article from my desk in the “corner office”, I can not help but feel Brig. Gen. Charles Ickes is going to walk in any minute and ask what I am doing in his seat.

He was the Wing commander for most of my tour here and spent many hours mentoring me on leadership and management.

I must also express a quick thanks to Col. James A. Firth; he has been a great friend and outstanding commander, and gave his all for the Wing. It is truly humbling to follow two commanders of the caliber of Brig. Gen. Ickes and Col. Firth.

I have no delusions that I can match their unique management and leadership skills, but I do feel I am surrounded by a leadership team that is as good as it gets. Colonel Robert M. Branyon, 125th Fighter Wing vice commander, is an extremely effective drill status commander who combines excellent people skills with an ability to quickly understand and solve complex problems.

Lieutenant Col. Gordan J. Sullivan, 125th Fighter Wing chief of staff, is the most knowledgeable and dedicated officer I have had the opportunity to work beside.

The Wing's group commanders and command chief are as talented and energetic as you will find anywhere.

Finally, Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus brings effective and

engaged leadership committed to supporting the mission of the FLANG and the 125th Fighter Wing.

So what's in store for the Wing in 2005? Well here's some shocking news—it is going to be an extremely busy and challenging year.

A year that will continue to stress the 125th Fighter Wing with an expanding homeland defense mission, expeditionary combat support deployments, training to ensure combat readiness, and preparation for an operational readiness inspection in March, 2006.

Add to this the day-to-day mission and tasks, support of our geographically separated units, and increasing military support to civil authorities, and it's clear there is no relief in sight from the “sprint” we have maintained since 9/11.

With a clear goal, the assets to accomplish it, and by allowing you to attack the mission your way, success is inevitable.

I believe our path to success is through teamwork and that only by working together can we ensure mission success and overcome these numerous challenges. So here is my commitment to you: if you need something for the mission or quality of life, **tell me.**

I promise to listen, shoot straight with you, work beside you and shield you from as much



Photo by Master Sgt. Shaun W. Withers

of the bureaucratic trivia as possible.

I will not let personal issues or politics get in the way of being your advocate or doing the right thing.

I want to lead by 1) telling you the mission, 2) giving you what you need to do the mission, and, 3) getting out of the way.

With a clear goal, the assets to accomplish it, and by allowing you to attack the mission your way, success is inevitable.

I am proud to be a part of the 125th Fighter Wing team, and will do my best to help continue the tradition of excellence you have established.

I know that with you, and with our “comrades in arms” in our sister services, we will defeat our enemies and

overcome the many threats facing the United States.

Winston Churchill said it best; “*Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival.*”

Thank you, Happy New Year, and God Speed!



From the Cockpit...

By Col. Bob "Squirt" Branyon
125th Fighter Wing Vice Commander

"Hours of boredom separated by moments of sheer terror." That's what I remember an airline captain saying as he described the job of an airline pilot. Not a bad description, although in my 14 years in the cockpit flying commercial jets, I would not exactly call it "terror." However, there have been a number of times when things were happening fast and had to be handled correctly, whether it was an in-flight emergency, passenger illness, or landing in terrible weather conditions such as low visibility, extremely strong crosswinds, or an icy runway.

The above quote is also a pretty good description of what it's like being on alert at Homestead ARB, Fla. at the 125th Fighter Wing / Detachment 1.

There are definitely the hours of boredom, but, when the "horn" goes off, things start happening very fast and the adrenaline is

cookin'. I was recently reminded of just how exciting it can get at the Det. when I pulled an alert tour over the holidays.

As I arrived at the Det., Major Steve "Chum" Ellis greeted me with a grin (since he was the pilot I was relieving).

I quickly put away the groceries I had purchased for my four-day tour, set up my flying gear in the F-15 in Bay 1 of the four alert bays, then looked for Major James "Stuff" Spooner. As the senior alert pilot in charge, I relinquished the lead of the flight to Stuff, since I had not sat alert for about eight months. Like Clint Eastwood said in the movie *Magnum Force*: "A man's got to know his limitations..."

After Stuff briefed me on how we would handle a scramble and his techniques, I logged on to the computer to attempt to purge my several hundred emails that mysteriously appear during my absences from the FANG.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jefferey R. Trumble

While meticulously reading an email about a job vacancy, the silence is broken with the blaring of the alert scramble horn. Only a couple of hours into the tour, and the adrenaline is pumping. I run down the stairs, across Bay 2 where Stuff is getting into his jet, and start donning my g-suit and parachute harness. After scrambling up the stairs into the cockpit, Tech. Sgt. Eddie Diaz pulls the ladder away and yells: "Clear on two!" as I throw on my helmet and cinch down the face mask.

I pull the Jet Fuel Starter (JFS: pronounced "Jay-fuss"), test the fire warning lights, and then engage the right engine to the JFS, which starts the

engine spinning. Now I begin multi-tasking at its finest. I must taxi the F-15 in a matter of minutes, but first I have to start both motors, strap myself into the ejection seat, complete the minimum aircraft control checks, and listen to both command post and "Snake pit" (Det. 1 commander, Major Michael "Orville" Birkeland) on the radio...all simultaneously.

As the right engine reaches idle RPM, I start the left engine, as I am connecting my parachute harness, hearing Command Post ("Reef Control") validating our scramble authority, and listening to Orville giving us "Bogey Dope", the term describing the position of the TOI (target of interest). I lower the canopy, get a good alignment on the INS navigation system, complete the F-15 checks with Tech. Sgt. Diaz, then taxi my jet to follow Stuff, who is already lighting his F-15's afterburners for takeoff.

As I approach the runway, I quickly scan the cockpit for any critical item I may have forgotten: I am strapped into the seat (six connections), the ejection seat is "armed", the canopy is locked closed, the radar is cooking...those are the biggies...anything else I may have forgotten, I can take care of later.

As I roll onto the runway, I light the afterburner, quickly accelerating past 100 knots, thinking that a few minutes ago I was bored silly reading email. By 150 knots I am airborne, raising the landing gear and flaps, and in seconds I'm approaching 450 knots, radar locked onto Stuff for my rejoin. Stuff does a good job filtering the simultaneous "communication" he's receiving from ATC (Air Traffic Control) on the #1 radio and "Oak Grove" on the #2 radio, a task that can get confusing when both agencies are talking

to you at the same time, not knowing that the other agency is also talking to you! Oak Grove, the air defense controller sitting at a radar scope at the Southeast Air Defense Sector (SEADS) at Tyndall AFB, Fla., is directing us to the bogey, while ATC is clearing us from other commercial traffic.

The suspect aircraft is a slow-mover only 30 miles from Homestead, so Lucky 1 (Stuff) is over him in a flash. Unfortunately, the plane is at 2000 feet and flying in and out of a grouping of puffy clouds around that altitude.

Stuff smartly tells Oak Grove that he will stay high until the bogey is clear of the clouds. Oak Grove informs us they want the type and tail number of the plane. Lucky 1 rolls in and approaches the slow moving aircraft from the rear, slowing down as much as safely possible, since the suspect plane is flying less than 200 knots. Our fully-loaded F-15s, with live air-to-air missiles, a "hot" gun, and 15,000 pounds of fuel, do not like flying as slow as 200 knots. In fact, several years ago, another unit lost an F-15 during a similar mission when the pilot flew too slow, had a fuel imbalance, entered an unrecoverable spin, and the pilot ejected. As Lucky 1 passes the bogey, he calls out the description of the plane.

As Lucky 2, it's my turn to go in and get the tail number of the plane for identification purposes. I repeat the procedure of Lucky 1 passing very close to the plane, reading the tail number, while attempting to avoid detection and/or alerting or scaring the pilot and possible passengers.

Next, Oak Grove requests pictures of the suspect plane, requiring a much greater level of difficulty on the part of Lucky 1. Stuff has to position his Eagle such that he can get a decent

"shot" in a situation whereby he must fly faster than the bogey, while flying with one hand and pointing and zooming the camera with the other hand...getting a decent picture, yet not terrifying the suspect pilot at the same time.

After Stuff finishes the photos, we're told to "shadow" the plane, observing its actions and landing.

Throughout the ordeal, Stuff must continue to change frequencies and talk to new ATC controllers, as we pass from one section of controlled airspace to the next, all the while Oak Grove is talking on the #2 radio. Again, Stuff does a great job of task management.

We observe the suspect aircraft land and continue to fly overhead for a while, and then are told by Oak Grove to terminate the mission. There's a little more to the ending of story that I can't mention, but that's basically what happened.

After we terminate, we still have too much excess fuel to land safely, so we fly to some local military operating airspace to practice intercept training with the Oak Grove controller in a 1 versus 1 engagement.

Our training is somewhat limited since we are, smartly so, not allowed to move the "Master Arm" switch or hit the "pickle button" (missile launch button), because we are loaded with live ordnance.

Once our fuel is low enough, we return to Homestead for landing, and the Det. crew chiefs refuel and inspect the F-15s as we "cock" them for the next scramble...which occurs almost immediately after the jets are ready...it definitely can get busy at the Det.!

Bronze Star; AF Comm with Valor



Photos by Staff Sgt. Shelley R. Gill

Top Left: Technical Sgt. Robert P. Schoch, Jr., 125th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is presented the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service by Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus, Commander, Florida Air National Guard, during a recent Commander's Call. Schoch was awarded the medal for engaging the enemy in combat during Army convoy operations Feb. - Sept., 2004 in support of the ongoing Operation Iraqi Freedom contingency.

Top Right: Technical Sgt. Alvin W. Pollard, Jr., 125th Civil Engineer Squadron, is presented the Air Force Commendation Medal with Valor by Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus, Commander, Florida Air National Guard, during a recent Commander's Call. Pollard was awarded the medal for courageous acts performed at the Baghdad International Airport in support of the ongoing Operation Iraqi Freedom contingency. A full-page story about these two award recipients will be in the next Eagle's Eye.

125th says goodbye to soldiers

*By Major Kevin T. Cotton
125th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

The 125th bid farewell to 45 Florida Army National Guard soldiers Nov. 23 during an



Photo by Master Sgt. Shaun W. Withers

Specialist LeAnne Dodson shakes hands with Col. Scott K. Stacy, 125th Fighter Wing commander, after receiving an Air Force Achievement Medal Nov. 23, 2004.

informal awards ceremony hosted by Col. Scott K. Stacy, 125th Fighter Wing commander.

The members were presented Air Force Achievement medals for their service.

The departure ended two years of service by the soldiers of the 146th Signal Battalion, who arrived here December 2002, to augment the protection of Wing personnel and resources.

Senior Master Sgt. Tony L. Whitehead, 125th Security Forces Squadron Superintendent, praised the service of the Army Guard troops.

"We couldn't have done it without them," remarked Whitehead. "[They] were mission essential."

To ensure the soldiers would be able to fully support the security mission, SFS trainers designed a formalized plan to immerse the soldiers in the language, procedures and processes of the Air National Guard.

The training included learning Air Guard lingo and acronyms, wearing security equipment, performing police tactics, conducting searches and writing police reports. "They were very motivated to learn," said Master Sgt. Michael J. Seger, 125th Security Forces Squadron Assistant Flight Chief. Seger supervised a group of eight to 12 of the Army troops.

After departing the Wing, the troops reported to Fort Stewart, Ga. for demobilization. From there, the soldiers returned to their civilian lives – family, friends and jobs. "They became a part of the 125th," said Whitehead. "They will be missed."

125th honors its Airmen of the Year for 2004

The following Airmen were selected as the 2004 Airmen of the Year for the 125FW. Selection was based on their outstanding performance of military duties, willingness to take on additional duties, involvement in their local community and for the superb example they set for all other members of the FLANG. Each Airmen received a plaque, a certificate of appreciation from the Wing Commander and a \$50 gift certificate to the Outback Steakhouse.



Honor Guard Member of the Year
Master Sgt. David M. Kozdras
125th Maintenance Group



1st Sgt of the Year
Master Sgt. Michael A. Hall
125th Maintenance Squadron



Senior NCO of the Year
Master Sgt. Yancy B. Brown
125th Logistics Readiness Squadron



NCO of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Julie A. Fisher
125th Civil Engineer Squadron



Airman of the Year
Senior Amn. Jaron J. Howell
125th Civil Engineer Squadron

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Best of the Best



159th Fighter Squadron pilot garners top honors

By Major Kevin T. Cotton
125th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Photos by Staff Sgt. Shelley R. Gill

Major Barry "Wile-E" Wilkes is a pilot.

He's an outstanding F-15 pilot. And the Air Force recently recognized him for being at the top of his F-15C class.

In December, the Air Force Fighter Weapons School presented the "Flying Award" to Wilkes. The honor is given to the top flyer of each class at the physically demanding and academically challenging Weapons Instructor Course at Nellis AFB, Nevada.

While the honor recognizes individual superior flight performance, Wilkes is quick to acknowledge that it's not a singular accomplishment.

The 125th Fighter Wing has a cadre of pilots who have graduated from the premier weapons training course.

It's because of the training and preparation at the Wing, Wilkes said, that elevated him

above his classmates in the F-15C division.

"I certainly felt stepping in the door out there I was well-prepared for the class," said Wilkes, who joined the Florida Air National Guard in Sept. 2001. Wilkes was the lone Air National Guard pilot in his six-member class.

Other Wing pilots who graduated from the prestigious training, though not all completed the training while assigned to the Wing, are: Col. Scott "Brillo" Stacy, Col. James "Eif" Eifert, Lt. Col. Christopher "Gus" Prusak, Lt. Col. Michael "Speedo" Rouse and Major David "Fester" Lynch. Lt. Col. Sami "R2D2" Said also received the top graduate "Flying Award" in 1999.

"[The award] certainly reflects on the 125th and the experience of the pilots we have," said Wilkes.

According to the Nellis AFB Web site, selection to attend the six-month weapons school is highly competitive.

Two slots are reserved for Guard pilots. These slots are rotated throughout the Guard. Only 12 pilots are chosen annually to attend the F-15 weapons school, Active and Guard combined.

"Just going to the school is a huge accolade," stated Said. "The important part is what the Wing will get out of that. We now have a subject matter expert in our midst on the latest and greatest tactics, techniques and procedures," he added.

Wilkes said the level of instruction and focus of the course is akin to doctorate-level study in academic disciplines. Instructors of this course are the best of Air Force flyers and leaders. General John P. Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air

Force, served as commander, 57th Fighter Weapons Wing and General T. Michael Moseley, Vice Chief of Staff, served as commander, F-15 Division and instructor pilot at the school.

Students begin the course in a rigorous core academic program that features intense classroom study and hands-on training with actual equipment.

This academic training prepares the student to get the most out of the flying and mission phases, according to the Nellis AFB Web site.

The program culminates into the mission employment phase, integrating a multitude of different weapons platforms. This phase exposes students to

the entire range of combat air and space capabilities, which could measure up to 100 aircraft. Students plan and execute the wartime scenarios using multiple weapons platforms to accomplish their objectives.

"Without a doubt this was the most intensive training. I never imagined at times how intense it could be," said Wilkes, a veteran instructor and fighter pilot with 14 years of combined service. "There weren't enough hours in the day to get as prepared as you wanted because of how challenging the training was."

Wilkes returns to the Wing with advanced knowledge of the F-15. He will function as the

Wing's acting Squadron Weapons Officer.

Colonel James O. Eifert, 125th Operations Group commander commented that the recognition is an outstanding personal achievement and also speaks well for the quality of Airmen in the Air National Guard.

"Wile-E has certainly enhanced not only his own reputation, but that of the entire Florida Air National Guard," said Eifert, a 1992 graduate of Fighter Weapons School. "Every time we send a guy and they come back it reinforces to the entire Air Force what the Guard's capabilities are."

Life support technician awarded the Safety Performance Award for fourth quarter 2004

*By Tech. Sgt. Paula M. Milton
125th Fighter Wing Safety Office*

The 125th Fighter Wing Outstanding Safety Performance award for the fourth quarter, 2004, was presented to Master Sgt. Thomas M. Weldon, 159th Fighter Squadron Life Support technician, recently.

Weldon was nominated for the award through the new 125th Fighter Wing Outstanding Safety Performance Award program. This new program encourages safety awareness and rewards those members who bring unsafe practices to the forefront for awareness and subsequent correction or invent a safer practice for routine tasks.

The award includes a certificate appropriate for framing and a \$25 gift card to Outback Steakhouse. Congratulations Tom!

If you know of a 125th Fighter Wing member who performed a particular assignment safely, or who, on a regular basis, displays an exemplary 'safety attitude,' nominate the individual responsible for the 125th Fighter Wing Outstanding Safety Performance award by submitting an AF Form 1206, Nomination for Award, to the 125th Fighter Wing Safety Office. You can send it by email to: wingsafety@fljack.ang.af.mil or call the safety office at 904-741-7015 for guidance.



Photo by Master Sgt. Shaun W. Withers
Master Sgt. Tom M. Weldon, an Aircrew Performance Technician with the 125th Fighter Wing, Florida Air National Guard, inspects an ejection seat parachute deployment system prior to installation into an F-15 Eagle.

Florida Air National Guard Retiree Association (FLANGRA)

By Ernie Webster
President, FLANGRA

By the time you receive this, the holiday season will have passed. I hope each of you had a blessed Christmas and have a great 2005. It's amazing how fast the years pass.

Speaking of passing, I am sad to report the death of two of our group. Reuben Owens and Ronald "Oz" Moseley passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

FLANGRA has had a good year with two well-attended dinners at the Navy JAX Officers Club. At our last meeting we had the director of Aviation for FCCJ at Cecil Commerce Center brief us, and it was very informative. If you know of any young people interested in aviation, from piloting to learning aircraft and engine maintenance, it's a great place to start and about 1/3 the cost of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

We are going back to Friday evening for our dinners. We will continue to have shared meetings with the AFA - Falcon Chapter until we get more retirees or AFA members that space becomes a problem. Many of us are already members of both and all Guardsmen are eligible to become AFA members. We welcome all the help we can get in AFA. We are doing a lot of good things for the local Air Force ROTC



Then Major Reuben Owens, enlists his 19-year old son, Bobby, into the 125th Fighter Interceptor Group in the headquarters lobby, December 1980, while older son, Kevin, watches. Currently, both sons continue to serve full-time. Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Owens is a crew chief and Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Owens is an avionics supervisor.

units. Our annual golf tournament will be in May. If you can play or help in any way, please do.

Our next meeting is April 29 at Navy JAX. Surf and Turf will be our menu again. The speaker will be announced later. We would like to have Gen. Burnett but that will depend on his schedule.

I want to thank Jack and Barbara Stuart and Frank Kozdras for their help through out the year. I

also want to invite any retiree and his or her spouse to come to a retiree's conference at Camp Blanding April 14-17. These conferences were started 13 years ago as FLNG (Army and Air) Retired Officer conferences. We go to the range and shoot; some play golf and everybody has plenty to eat and drink. We also have a DJ on Saturday night and lots of reminiscing and war stories. We have access to all the housing and the RV park area so all you do is send us the money and everything else is taken care of. Call Frank or me if you are interested. Mark your calendar for our April dinner and Camp Blanding weekend. Hope to see you there!



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stephen Hudson

Brigadier Gen. Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr. presents the US Flag to Lt. Col. Reuben Owens' family during his memorial and burial service Monday, Nov. 1, 2004.

Col. Firth says goodbye

*By Major Richard E. Bittner
125th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Friday Oct. 29, 2004, Col. Jim Firth, outgoing 125th Fighter Wing commander, gathered his troops together for one last Warrior Day before he relinquished command to Col. Scott Stacy.

The gathering gave the outgoing commander an opportunity to reflect on the many accomplishments of the Wing during his tenure. Colonel Firth commented that it was humbling and a privilege to work with the outstanding men and women of this Wing during some of the most tumultuous times in our nation's history.

As Col. Firth spoke, Wing members were reminded of how busy we have become but also of how important our collective missions are to the defense of this nation and the cause of freedom. After Col. Firth concluded his remarks Col. Stacy thanked Col. Firth for his



Colonel James A. Firth and his wife, Jill, acknowledge the applause from the men and women of the Wing and State staff.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Shelley R. Gill

Colonel Scott K. Stacy, 125th Fighter Wing commander, pokes fun at Col. James A. Firth, the then 'outgoing' commander, during Firth's farewell luncheon Nov. 5, 2004.



Colonel James A. Firth speaks with 125th members during his farewell luncheon.

leadership then spoke briefly to his own leadership style, goals and the road ahead for the Wing.

Friday Nov. 5, 2004, Col. Firth finally let his "hair" down as the Wing hosted a luncheon in his honor.

Colonel Firth was in rare comedic form that day as he handed out some rather questionable but amusing parting gifts to his staff.

There were a few serious moments however, such as the presentation of an original circa 1860 Civil War cavalry officer saber by the Operations Group staff. The sword was presented to Col. Firth as a reflection of his warrior spirit.

As Col. Firth departs the Wing for new challenges and adventures, we wish him well and God Speed!

Change of Command

By Tech. Sgt. Michelle L. Thomas
125th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Colonel Scott K. Stacy assumed command of the 125th Fighter Wing during a formal ceremony Sunday Nov. 7, 2004 in the base hangar.

Stacy takes over from Col. James A. Firth, 125th Fighter Wing commander since August 11, 2002, who is assuming a position at the Florida National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters in St. Augustine.

Stacy, who began his Air Force career in 1983 after graduating from the University of North Texas, joined the Florida Air National Guard in January, 1998 and served initially as an F-15 instructor pilot and evaluator in the 125th Operations Group.

Stacy served as maintenance group commander and vice commander, before being selected as the new wing commander.

"We know Col. Stacy will be a tremendous leader," said Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus, commander of the Florida Air National Guard, following the change of command ceremony.

"He came to the Fighter Wing in 1998 and immediately assumed positions of responsibility and learned the entire organization from the inside out; beginning with the operations group and then into the maintenance group command position - and to the vice command position, enabling him to understand the people and the heartbeat of this organization," added Balskus.

Stacy stated that his major initiative as commander will be to simply let the experts, the men and women of



Photos by Master Sgt. Lawrence J. Shaw

Left: Colonel James A. Firth, 125th Fighter Wing commander, presents the command to Colonel Scott K. Stacy.

Bottom Left: Master Sgt. Lawrence J. Shaw on the command ceremony.



the 125th, do their job by ensuring the unit receives the resources to become a more efficient force.

"The people of the 125th are efficient, masters of their craft, but the challenge we face now is continuing to support the Global War on Terrorism and other world-wide missions with even more efficiency and empowerment. Let the people who know their job do it with the greatest degree of freedom possible," said Stacy.

Firth will continue his service as he returns to the Florida National Guard's Joint Forces Headquarters in St. Augustine where he will focus on future missions for the Florida Air National Guard.



James A. Firth receives an award from Brig. Gen. Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr. Above: Brigadier Gen. Joseph G. Balskus, Commander Florida Air National Guard, presents the guidon to incoming commander Col. Scott K. Stacy during the 125th Fighter Wing's Change of Command ceremony, held here Nov. 7, 2004. Master Sgt. Guy E. Reinecke and Staff Sgt. Valencia Chestnut, crew chiefs for the 125th Aircraft Generation Squadron, replace the pilot name block on the F-15. Bottom Right: Colonel Scott K. Stacy gets a group 'hug' from his wife, Pam (right), and daughters Amber and Ashley (left).

"Colonel Firth served during the most challenging times in our nation's history for the last two years - everything from Noble Eagle to Iraqi Freedom to unprecedented levels of hurricanes," said Balskus. "We appreciate and are grateful for his magnificent leadership."

"Today, we are among the most capable F-15 wings, and one of the most respected units in the entire U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard," said Firth.

"This is a reflection on every member of the 125th and the tremendous attitude, work ethic, commitment to excellence, and ability to put our best ideas together to work as a team."



Holiday luncheon provides food, fellowship and fun

*By Major Richard E. Bittner
125th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Each year the 125th sets aside one Friday in December to host the annual Technician Christmas Luncheon. This year the lunch was held Friday Dec. 10, 2004 in the Wing Dining facility.

The event is becoming so popular with full-timers and retiree's alike that some of the attendee's had to eat out



Photos by Staff Sgt. Shelley R. Gill

doors! Almost 500 tickets were distributed for this year's event.

The yearly luncheon is a special time as it provides a venue for retired members to come back "home", enjoy a steak dinner and "remember when" with the current full-time force.

Master Sgt. Mathew S. Rohn, 125th Civil Engineer Squadron, once again, headed up the cooking and door prize committee.

He planned well since no one left hungry and several people left the party with one of the dozens of available door prizes in hand.

Top: 125th Fighter Wing technicians enjoy their steak lunch during the Wing Christmas party December 10, 2004 at the base dining facility.

Center: Door prizes are piled high in preparation for the gift giveaway.

Bottom: Lieutenant Col. Ron Corey gets a gift of antlers from 125th Fighter Wing commander, Col Scott K. Stacy, and then models them for his sister, Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Ervin.



Phase One ORE evaluates 125th's deployment capability

*By Tech. Sgt. Michelle L. Thomas
125th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

The 125th Fighter Wing implemented Phase One of the Operational Readiness Exercise Dec 3-5, 2004.

Various sections on base participated in the three-day exercise designed to evaluate the Wing's deployment capability.

Exercises such as this will aid in the Wing's ability to excel during the Phase One ORI slated for March 2006.

The next Phase One exercise in preparation for the 'real thing' is scheduled for the March 2005 UTA.



Technical Sgt. Tanja L. May, 125th personnel specialist, reviews the mobility folder of Staff Sgt. Lawrence W. Breiner, Jr., during the Phase One Operational Readiness Exercise.



Left: Staff Sgt. Nevzat K. Ozbaltaci, 125th Fighter Wing Finance Office, checks in Tech. Sgt. Paul Bryant's mobility bag during the Phase One Operational Readiness Exercise held here Dec 3-5, 2004.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Shelley R. Gill

Above: Master Sgt. Shaun W. Withers, 125th Fighter Wing Audiovisual Production Specialist, and Major Richard E. Bittner, Wing Public Affairs Officer, speak with Colonel James O. Eifert, 125th Operations Group commander during a mock TV news interview conducted during the Phase One Operational Readiness Exercise. The mock interview allowed Bittner to evaluate a commander's ability to deal with media issues during deployment preparations.

From The Wrenches

*By Col. Bob "Squirt" Branyon
125th Fighter Wing Vice Commander*

I served as the Maintenance Group commander for only one short year. During my tenure I wrote a couple of articles about the awesome folks who run the shops in the two maintenance squadrons that did not get published so I wanted to mention a couple of noteworthy events that occurred last year.

Master Sgt. Don Waters, 125th Maintenance Squadron Engine Shop mechanic, was inspecting an F-15 start system for a possible hydraulic fluid leak when he happened to notice a miniscule black smudge mark in an abnormal spot. While most folks would have shrugged it off, MSgt Waters did not.

After all, we are flying 30 year-old aircraft that have many smudge marks so MSgt. Waters investigated further, contorting himself to examine the obscure area, and found a chafing hydraulic line. The discovery led to repairing the line and inspecting

other F-15s for similar problems. Had MSgt Waters not been so conscientious, a pilot might have experienced a serious aircraft hydraulic failure while on a mission.

Another calm, quick reacting crew chief was SSgt. Craig Ebert who responded when Col. Firth experienced a fire in the JFS (Jet Fuel Starter) area within his aircraft. Staff Sgt. Ebert quickly retrieved a fire extinguisher and discharged it into the housing of the JFS, dousing the fire. His quick reaction prevented serious damage to the jet. The JFS is basically a motor that allows a pilot to start the engines of the F-15, both on the ground or in flight, if necessary.

These are just two of the many "behind the scenes" heroics our maintainers perform every year. Thanks for the attention to detail and excellent maintenance of our F-15s!



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michelle L. Thomas

CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON CHANGE OF COMMAND - Colonel Ronald D. Brooks, 125th Mission Support Group commander, passes the 125th Civil Engineer Squadron guidon to incoming CES commander, Lt. Col. Joseph W. Mihalik. Lieutenant Col. Mark L. Momberg, relinquished command of the squadron during the ceremony held at the base fire department during the December 2004 UTA.

Focus on the positive:

Transforming bad into good

By Lt. Col. Steven E. Thompson
125th Fighter Wing Chaplain

I have discovered, over the years, the first step in fixing any problem is to focus on the positive.

Never does everything go wrong at the same time!

It may seem like it, but the truth is usually there are only a few things that need to be corrected in order to transform bad into good, good into better and better into best!

Let's consider some examples.

Even if you didn't pass your most recent PT test, you at least were physically fit enough to show up.

That's a good start! Add a push up here and a sit up there, subtract an inch and a half here and a couple of minutes there...you get the picture.

You may never be on the cover of Fitness Magazine, but at least you'll pass the test.

Maybe you could not get everyone on your list everything they wanted for Christmas.

Well, the good news is you have someone special in your life to whom you have the privilege of giving something!

This year's Operation Christmas Stocking is a good example.

In fact, let me brag on you a little.

We barely collected more than 800 gifts as of Sunday, December UTA and it seemed as if we would not top 1,000 gifts this year. That would be our lowest total in many years.

However, you responded to our last minute appeals far beyond our most optimistic prayers.

As it turned out, you gave over 2,000 gifts to abandoned, neglected and abused children helping make 2004 one of our best years!

I am always so blessed and grateful for the many generous folks in our unit who give so much to help so many who have so little.

Another example might be our recent Phase One ORE.

Maybe you and your shop tackled all of your challenges with such enthusiasm and excellence that you are now the benchmark throughout the Air Force.

I suspect, though, that is not the case.

Probably you saw the inspectors at times lifting their hands in praise and adulation for your expertise while at other times holding their noses in disbelief as they surveyed your less than perfect efforts.

This brings us back to my original premise: the first step in fixing a problem is to focus on the positive.

This is what I suggest:

1. Identify the problem and then set it aside.

2. Identify your strengths and affirm your capabilities.

3. Consider the improvements you had to make in order to get as far as you have come.

4. Now look at your problem again and identify what needs to be done and who might be able to help you.

5. Go after it; getting it right one bite at a time.

These five simple steps are all that is necessary in order to excel in every aspect of your life.

Now, allow me to ask you:

How are your relationships?

Do you have goals that God wants you to pursue and yet you



are intimidated by what lies between here and there?

How about your finances, your job and that giant of a problem that is overshadowing your life right now?

Think for a moment about David when he confronted Goliath (1 Samuel 17):

1. David set aside Goliath's size.

2. He considered how he had previously killed lions and the bears with his sling while protecting his sheep.

3. David thought about how God had blessed and protected him in the past.

4. He reconsidered the giant and selected five smooth stones (Note: Goliath had four brothers).

5. Lastly, he ran to engage Goliath in battle and dropped him in his tracks with a GPS (God's Problem Solving) precision guided missile.

I have a feeling that someone needed to hear this.

Please E-mail me if you were the one.

My off base address is pastorsteve@bellsouth.net.

Thanks again for your terrific faithfulness in this year's Operation Christmas Stocking!

God Bless You! Chaplain.

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Chief's Words

*Chief Master Sgt. Charles W. Wisniewski
125th Fighter Wing Command Chief*

In December we completed our 2004 Airmen of the Year selections. I wanted to take this time to not only highlight those that were selected but to thank all the commanders and Senior NCOs for taking the time to put a package in for their superior performers. Even though we can only have one winner in each category, all the individuals that were submitted are doing great things at the unit, while deployed and in their communities. They should all be proud of all their accomplishments.

Our Honor Guard member of the Year for 2004 is Master Sgt. David M. Kozdras. He has participated in over 27 different Honor Guard details most of which were accomplished during his off time. He was selected as the lead weapons trainer for the rifle team members developing training plans and programs, again, on his off-duty time.

Our First Sergeant of the Year is Master Sgt. Michael A. Hall. He deployed as lead 1st Sgt. to Keflavik, Iceland for our AEF tasking and shortly after his return volunteered for state active duty hurricane relief for more than 30 days.

Master Sgt. Yancy B. Bowen was selected as the Senior NCO

of the Year. Not only was he selected as an IG superior performer, but he was asked to augment the ACC IG team as they inspected other units. He has been a long time member of the Honor Guard team and is involved with many charitable organizations in the community.

Technical Sgt. Julie A. Fisher is our NCO of the Year. She has done outstanding work in the readiness flight with lesson plans, scheduling and conducting training. She deployed to Balad AB, Iraq winning praise for her work ethic, skills and abilities while enduring over 115 rocket attacks during her 100 plus day deployment.

Last, but not least, is our Airman of the year Senior Amn. JaRon J. Howell. He was instrumental in creating the Junior Enlisted council. He volunteered to assist unit members in getting ready to pass the PT test by providing a physical fitness training program and also is involved in many charitable community organizations.

Thank you all for your great work and your dedication to the unit, your communities and your country.

Security Issues

*Technical Sgt. Benjamin Cline
125th Antiterrorism Coordinator*

Identity theft occurs when some-

one uses your personal information to commit fraud or other crimes. People whose identities are stolen spend months or years cleaning up the mess thieves have made of their good name and credit record. In the meantime, victims may lose job opportunities, be refused loans, education, housing or cars, or even get arrested for crimes they didn't commit. If you think your identity has been stolen, do this now: Contact the fraud departments of any one of the three major credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on your credit file.

The fraud alert asks creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts. As soon as the credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the other two credit bureaus will be automatically notified to place fraud alerts, and all three credit reports will be sent to you free of charge. Close the accounts you know or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. File a police report. Get a copy of the report to submit to your creditors and others that may require proof of the crime. File your complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

The FTC maintains a database of identity theft cases used by law enforcement agencies for investigations. If you have any questions about personal security contact the 125FW AT/FP Office 904-741-7871.

New faces manning the 125th Family Readiness office

By Ms. Beth Eifert

FLANG Family Readiness Coordinator

My name is Beth Eifert and I am the Florida Air National Guard Family Readiness Coordinator.

I've been writing this column for nearly three



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shelley R. Gill

Civilian, Sarah Warren, 125th Family Readiness Representative, puts together readiness folders in her office in the Headquarters Building. The folders will be given to every member of the Florida Air National Guard.

I'm pleased to say that my ability to do so has been enhanced by the addition of two wonderful people to our team.

Sarah Warren has been with us for just over a year. Her main role is to manage Operation F.I.T.: Families in Touch, our family member information database. Sarah regularly updates the database so that if there is a deployment, she can provide you with a unit and family contact roster – vital for communication and support when your loved one is deployed.

Sarah is also assuming the role of editor for our semi-annual Family Readiness Newsletter. The first issue was mailed in October and the next is due for publication in April, so if you have interesting Guard-related photos or stories to share, please send

years and have met many of you through various events – perhaps during Family Day or in preparation for a deployment.

My role is to help you – our Guard members and families – successfully prepare for military separations.

them to Sarah at Sarah.Warren@fljack.ang.af.mil.

Robin Severson came on board in November. Robin is a former 125th 1st Sgt. with the Guard who knows how to take care of her people. Her role is special event planning. From 'Bon Voyage' ceremonies to 'Welcome Home' parties, Robin ensures our members and their loved ones get the recognition and attention they need. Robin is also interested in generating other special events for the FLANG – like children's holiday parties and special fund raisers for Guard families in need. Such events help us to support each other and get to know each other better, which is especially important during difficult times like unexpected activations.

Such special events require help, however, and Robin is currently looking for volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact her at Robin.Severson@fljack.ang.af.mil. Together, the three of us are also working on a needs assessment to determine how we can better serve you.

We are in the process of personally calling all families affected by deployments in the past year and would truly appreciate your feedback so we can improve our program. I anticipate the New Year will bring new opportunities to improve our service to you. In the meantime, please join me in welcoming our new team members.

I feel proud and honored to work with such caring and talented people!



Civilian, Robin Severson, FLANG Family Readiness Representative, works on administrative tasks in her office at the 125FW.

News from HQ

By Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus
Commander Florida Air National Guard

It was a humbling honor October 1, 2004 to assume command of the outstanding men and women who comprise our Florida Air National Guard. Together, with State Headquarters, the 125FW, 125FW/Det. 1, 202RHS, 290JCSS, 159WF, SEADS, SEADS Associate Det., 114CBCS, 114RANF, and WRTC, we can actually lay claim to 11 separate organizations all with distinct and important missions. That is absolutely remarkable and unlike any other state. We have so much to be proud of!

I want to take a moment to pay tribute to Brig. Gen. Emmett R. "Buddy" Titshaw who recently relinquished command of the FLANG to me. His work as the Fighter Wing Commander, FLANG Director of Operations, FLANG Chief of Staff, and finally FLANG Commander unequivocally made a long-lasting, significant impact on this organization that both preserved our heritage and ensured our future. He more than exemplifies our core values and it was a great honor to fly his wing. In his new role, he will work issues that will guide us within the new Future Total Force construct and his overall wisdom and work ethic will be invaluable.

Let me also thank Col. Jim Firth for his superb job as the 125th Fighter Wing Commander the last two years. Colonel Firth led during a most challenging time in our history and demonstrated a level of commitment that led to multiple successes for this organization. He is a visionary, a true professional who wants to continue to contribute and we will capitalize on his passion and intellect as he teams with Gen. Titshaw to develop our own Future Force plan. His primary focus will be to develop a five year plan for the Fighter Wing's future operational mission.

My primary emphasis as Commander initially will be "communication." I have already instituted Commander Video Tele Conferences (VTCs) at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. The two "calls" thus far have been extremely productive and we have shown that the investment in the equipment was well worth it. This step, into a new technological area of communications, not only saves us travel money but allows for face to face information sharing resulting in clear and concise direction. Additionally, I have begun a Senior Leader Monthly Newsletter that is sent to the Council of Colonels, Chief's Council, Commanders, and "retired" senior officers and Chiefs.

The feedback so far has been tremendously positive. Visibility at units has increased and our connectivity has been enhanced and will continue too. I am, along with State Command Chief Master Sgt. Susan Shonka, committed to not leading from behind a desk.



Additionally, our State ESSO - Col. Jeanette Booth, our State Director of Operations - Col. Al Rutherford, our State Recruiting and Retention Superintendent - Chief Master Sgt. Iben Phillips, and our State Financial Advisor - Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Kirkland, will be visible at all the units. I will also work with our state Human Resource Advisor - Chief Master Sgt. Terry Libbert, to structure goals in the areas of mentorship and diversity.

During the December 2004 UTA, I was honored to travel to the 114th to present 54 awards and decorations to the troops and to the 290th as well to speak at the retirement of world-class Chief Master Sgt. Brian Moore. What wonderfully talented people we have!

Our challenges today are enormous but we have organizations filled with prodigious leaders capable of meeting each and every issue we face.

When I passed the 125th unit flag to Col. Scott Stacy during the Wing change of command in November, I told him that I looked forward to working "with" him as he leads the 125th to an even higher level. Colonel Stacy and I converse frequently and I am totally impressed with his intellect, dedication, strength, and sensitivity.

He possesses the complete leadership package and I truly am excited to have him command the 125th. We already have plans for him to join me on visits to our geographically separated FLANG units so we can participate in commander's calls and field questions from our members.

My wife of 21 years, Lisa, and I extend to you all our best wishes for a wonderful, safe, productive, and enjoyable 2005! I look forward to many visits to the 125th Fighter Wing and also look forward to seeing many of you visit our beautiful facilities in St Augustine at Saint Francis Barracks. Thank you for your support, your sacrifices, and dedication to the Florida Air National Guard, our great state of Florida, and our nation, which is the "lighthouse" of the world. God bless you!

STARBASE ends a busy 2004, begins 2005 ahead of schedule

By Col. (Ret.) Frank Kozdras
STARBASE Florida Director

STARBASE Florida has completed a very busy year and begins the 2005 school year ahead of schedule. The academy has already served four schools and 432 students this year and should exceed 800 by the end of summer.

In September we were joined by Ms. Mercedes Salichs, the curriculum coordinator from STARBASE Puerto Rico.

Ms. Salichs had heard of Ms. Evans (STARBASE Florida instructor) Best Practice breakouts at the National STARBASE conference in Burlington, Vt. last year and wanted to see them first-hand.

Our deputy director, Gregory Stritch, traveled to Haiti in 2004 to showcase Best Practices instruction in one of their local schools.

Ms. Evans traveled to Mondana, Ecuador, a remote village in the Amazon Rain Forest Basin. She visited the pre kindergarten through 9th grade classes in the Quecheun school on the Rio Napo.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shelley R. Gill

Greg Stritch, STARBASE Florida deputy director, demonstrates Newton's 3rd Law "every action has a reaction" to students Janaya Bradley, Sal Morreno, Tabitha Legg and Breanna Gilbert. The STARBASE program targets at-risk youth and instills an appreciation for math, science and technology.

Our teachers continue to learn and share their incredible talents at home and abroad.

Also, retired Navy Capt. Dale "Snort" Snodgrass visited the STARBASE academy students in Oct. 2004.

Snodgrass, a member of the AT&T Military Team who flies an F-86 Sabre jet fighter in air show performances, spoke to the students about basic aerodynamics, jet shows, and about his experiences as a Navy pilot. The 125th was equipped with the Sabre jets during the late 1950's.

Tours of the shops and facilities of the 125th Fighter Wing are always the highlight of our program. The kids from our title one schools continue to show unbelievable progress after having the STARBASE experience at the 125th Fighter Wing.

The new year has the new staff and board embarking on several exciting initiatives. First and foremost is to upgrade facilities and support equipment for our young scholars. A design for a new facility has been presented to the board and has been submitted to the 125th Base Engineer for future programming. Four new computers were installed, new phones, and internet access was provided by the 125th Communications Flight. The second initiative is to hire another teacher to compliment our outstanding staff with a Computer Science/Education Technology teacher.

With new facilities and an additional teacher, the STARBASE program will have the capability of doubling our enrollment and offering an advanced program to include robotics.



STARBASE Florida academy student Marquice Miller presents Captain (Navy retired) Dale Snodgrass with a certificate of appreciation when he made a special appearance at the academy while in town to perform at the NAS Jacksonville Air Show Oct. 30-31, 2004.

In the Spotlight

Senior Amn. Douglas L. Bryant, Jr.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michelle L. Thomas

Bryant, an information management specialist for the Wing, joined the FLANG in 2003 to “start a new career in life and to benefit from the educational opportunities the Guard provides.”

A full-time student at Florida Community College Jacksonville, Bryant is presently studying computer engineering and hopes to one day become a communications officer.

While he is working on his bachelor's degree, his primary goal, in the meantime, is to become an expert at his job and to respect his fellow Airmen from different career fields throughout the Wing.

As a fairly new member of the FLANG, Bryant has not had many deployment opportunities except for the recent state active duty requirement of which many of the 125th members participated.

“It felt good to help others who were in need when I was called to State Active Duty for Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne,” stated Bryant.

“I thank God that I was able to help and represent the Guard.”



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark T. Wolfenden

Senior Master Sgt. Tony L. Whitehead, 125th Security Forces Squadron superintendent, shows Jacksonville Jaguars fan, Trinity Chitty, the M-60 machine gun. Whitehead and other security forces personnel set up a display of Air Force weaponry during the Jaguars-Lions game Nov. 14 that was dedicated to military personnel in remembrance of Veteran's Day.

Promotions

Farewells

To Lieutenant Colonel

Roger A. Burkett, 125FW

Michael C. Rouse, 159FS

To Major

Steven R. Edwards, 125MDG

To First Lieutenant

Ameena Z. Nathan, 125MDG

To Chief Master Sgt.

Calvin Jones, 125CES

To Senior Master Sgt.

Terry L. Mays, 125FW

To Master Sgt.

Cecil D. Ellis, 125SFS

Johnny B. Gore, 125MXS

Jennifer D. Jordan, 125SVF

Joseph B. Kane, 125SFS

Rodrick J. Laws, 125CES

To Technical Sgt.

Timothy A. Barrett, 125SVF

Stewart L. Bowles, 125AMS

Benjamin Cline, 125SFS

Wesley A. Davis, 125SFS

Jennifer L. Koonce, 125SFS

Molly S. Massey, 125CF

Patrick C. McCarthy, 125MXS

Tommy C. McKenzie, Jr., 125CF

Charles J. Milburn, 125SFS

Richard C. Phillips, 125SFS

Randall S. Ratliff, 125SFS

Thomas P. Siebers, 125CES

Joseph M. Whitley, 125MXS

To Staff Sgt.

Timothy A. Drury, 125AMS

Christina M. Gordon, 125LRS

Melody L. Hannah, 125FW

James G. Kolaras, 125CES

Dustin M. Lapekas, 125AMS

Jason H. Marsh, 125MXS

Nina M. McGowan, 125FW

Micah L. McIntyre, 125CF

Melvyn V. Nieves, 125MXS

Nevzat K. Ozbaltaci, 125FW

Geoffrey L. Overcash, 125MXS

Aaron D. Robinson, 125CES

Robert Sepulveda, 125MXS

Tracy L. Vickery, 125SVF

Lashonda M. Word, 125LRS

To Senior Airman

Ashley E. Bellamy, 125MXS

Christopher Griffin, 125CES

Daryl A. Iannillo, 125MXS

Jamie M. Padgett, 125SVF

Lamar T. Rios, 125MOF

Emilio H. Rodriguez, 125MXS

Charles W. Stroman, 125MXS

Christopher G. Wessler, 125MDG

To Airman First Class

Dustin T. Harrison, 125CES

Welcomes

Major Christopher Bembenick, 159FS

Major Corey W. Bower, 125FW/Det. 1

Capt Michael F. Janzen, 159FS

2Lt Joshua A. Nemitz, 125OSF

TSgt Anthony J. Gagliano, 125MXS

TSgt Tony D. Grider, 125MXG

SSgt Timothy A. Baez, 125MXG

SSgt Alison M. Fogle, 125CES

SSgt Danielle L. Jones, 125OSF

SSgt Janie P. Obando, 125MDG

SSgt Danielle R. Santos, 125MXS

SSgt Matthew B. Walker, 125SFS

SSgt Marcus L. Wood, 125CF

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SrA Joel R. Davila-Rodriguez, Jr.,

125LRS

SrA Jon J. Dubler, 125SVF

SrA Benjamin W. Hartwick, 125CES

SrA Elizabeth C. Humphrey, 125SFS

SrA Cecil E. Joyner, Jr., 125LRS

SrA Fatima Joyner, 125OSF

SrA Rafael A. Lugo, 125AGS

SrA Marisa B. Palermo, 125SFS

SrA Alek M. Platt, 125MDG

SrA Mark A. Reid, 125MXG

SrA Timothy D. Robertson, 125MDG

SrA Raleigh A. Rogers, 125CES

SrA Dwayne D. Scott, Jr., 125AGS

SrA Mark J. Sheppard, 125MXG

SrA Robert L. V. Young, 125LRS

A1C Michael G. Eftim, 125MDG

A1C Brett W. Persons, 125MXG

A1C Alexander J. Rhodes, 125SFS

SMSgt Carolyn D. Hemrick, 125MOF

SMSgt Randall B. Smith, 125AMS

SMSgt William J. Stuart, 125MSF

MSgt Larry W. Coker, 125MXS

MSgt Roger G. Davis, 125SVF

MSgt Ronald E. Hartfelder, 125MXG

MSgt Vernon Hayes, 125MDG

MSgt Paul Misner, 125MXS

MSgt Harley W. Moore, 125SFS

MSgt Paul C. Porter, Jr., 125LRS

MSgt Michael W. Smith, 125AMS

TSgt Jeffrey W. Beatty, 125AMS

TSgt Henry M. Mangold, 125AMS

TSgt Jill A. Wood, 125FW

SrA James A. Stevens, 125CES

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SSgt Nina M. McGowan, 125FW

SSgt Benjamin A. Sorrells, 125MXS

SSgt Robert A. Zeller, 125MXS



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